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109TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. OBEY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**RESOLUTION**

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to  
protect the integrity of the institution.

1       *Resolved,*

2       **SECTION 1. LIMITING INFLUENCE BY LOBBYISTS.**

3           (a) REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCEPTING PAYMENT OF  
4 TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Clause 5 of rule XXV of the Rules  
5 of the House of Representatives is amended—

6           (1) by redesignating paragraphs (e) and (f) as  
7 paragraphs (f) and (g); and



1           (2) by inserting after paragraph (d) the fol-  
2           lowing new paragraph:

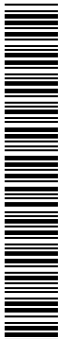
3           “(e) Before a Member, Delegate, Resident Commis-  
4           sioner, officer, or employee of the House may accept trans-  
5           portation or lodging or reimbursement for such expenses  
6           which are otherwise permitted to be accepted or reim-  
7           bursed under this clause, the Member, Delegate, Resident  
8           Commissioner, officer, or employee (as the case may be)  
9           shall obtain a written certification from the sponsoring or-  
10          ganization or person stating that—

11           “(1) no registered lobbyist has been invited to  
12           participate in the transportation, lodging, or any as-  
13           sociated meetings;

14           “(2) the organization or person conducts no  
15           lobbying activities as defined in section 501 of the  
16           Internal Revenue Code of 1986;

17           “(3) the organization or person neither employs  
18           nor contracts for the services of a registered lobbyist  
19           nor is affiliated with an organization that employs or  
20           contracts for the services of a registered lobbyist;  
21           and

22           “(4) no part of the trip is financed by a cor-  
23           poration or person, unless the the trip is financed by  
24           contributions that are deductible under the Internal  
25           Revenue Code of 1986 and the source of all such



1 contributions are disclosed in the written certifi-  
2 cation.

3 Each such certification shall be signed by the individual  
4 receiving it and filed with the Clerk who shall make such  
5 signed certification available to the public in a timely man-  
6 ner.”.

7 (b) FLOOR PRIVILEGES OF FORMER MEMBERS.—  
8 Clause 4(a) of rule IV of the Rules of the House of Rep-  
9 resentatives is amended—

10 (1) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-  
11 graph (1);

12 (2) by striking the period and inserting “; and”  
13 at the end of subparagraph (2); and

14 (3) by inserting at the end the following new  
15 subparagraph:

16 “(3) they sign a declaration, to be maintained  
17 by the Sergeant-at-Arms, stating that the conditions  
18 set forth in subparagraphs (1) and (2) are true.”.

19 **SEC. 2. FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY.**

20 (a) RECONCILIATION.—Clause 10 of rule XVIII of  
21 the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended by  
22 adding at the end the following new paragraph:

23 “(d) It shall not be in order to consider any reconcili-  
24 ation legislation which has the net effect of reducing the  
25 surplus or increasing the deficit compared to the most re-



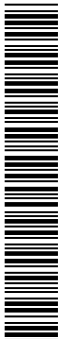
1 cent Congressional Budget Office estimate for any fiscal  
2 year.”.

3 (b) APPLICATION OF POINTS OF ORDER UNDER  
4 CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ACT TO ALL BILLS AND JOINT  
5 RESOLUTIONS CONSIDERED UNDER SPECIAL ORDERS OF  
6 BUSINESS.—Rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Rep-  
7 resentatives is amended by adding at the end the following  
8 new clause:

9 “7. For purposes of applying section 315 of the Con-  
10 gressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974,  
11 the term ‘as reported’ under such section shall be consid-  
12 ered to include any bill or joint resolution considered in  
13 the House pursuant to a special order of business.”.

14 **SEC. 3. CURBING ABUSES OF POWER.**

15 (a) LIMIT ON TIME PERMITTED FOR RECORDED  
16 ELECTRONIC VOTES.—Clause 2(a) of rule XX of the  
17 Rules of the House of Representatives is amended by in-  
18 serting after the second sentence the following sentence:  
19 “The maximum time for a record vote by electronic device  
20 shall be 20 minutes, except that the time may be extended  
21 with the consent of both the majority and minority floor  
22 managers of the legislation involved or both the majority  
23 leader and the minority leader.”.



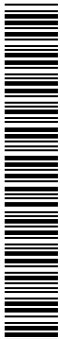
1 (b) CONGRESSIONAL INTEGRITY.—Rule XXIII of the  
2 Rules of the House of Representatives (the Code of Offi-  
3 cial Conduct) is amended—

4 (1) by redesignating clause 14 as clause 16;  
5 and

6 (2) by inserting after clause 13 the following  
7 new clauses:

8 “14. A Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner  
9 shall not condition the inclusion of language to provide  
10 funding for a district-oriented earmark, a particular  
11 project which will be carried out in a Member’s congres-  
12 sional district, in any bill or joint resolution (or an accom-  
13 panying report thereof) or in any conference report on a  
14 bill or joint resolution (including an accompanying joint  
15 statement of managers thereto) on any vote cast by the  
16 Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner in whose  
17 Congressional district the project will be carried out.

18 “15. A Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner  
19 who advocates that language to provide funding for a dis-  
20 trict-oriented earmark be included in any bill or joint reso-  
21 lution (or an accompanying report thereto) or in any con-  
22 ference report on a bill or joint resolution (or an accom-  
23 panying joint statement of managers thereto) shall dis-  
24 close in writing to the Clerk whether he or she has a finan-  
25 cial interest in the earmark or exercises control over the



1 development or operation of the earmark (such as appoint-  
2 ing members of a board that will develop or operate the  
3 earmark).”.

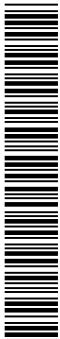
4 (c) RESTRICTIONS ON REPORTING CERTAIN  
5 RULES.—Clause 6(c) of rule XIII of the Rules of the  
6 House of Representatives is amended—

7 (1) by striking “or” at the end of subparagraph  
8 (1);

9 (2) by striking the period at the end of sub-  
10 paragraph (2) and inserting a semicolon; and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
12 paragraphs:

13 “(3) a rule or order for consideration of a bill  
14 or joint resolution reported by a committee that  
15 makes in order as original text for purposes of  
16 amendment, text which differs from such bill or joint  
17 resolution as recommended by such committee to be  
18 amended unless the rule or order also makes in  
19 order as preferential a motion to amend that is nei-  
20 ther divisible nor amendable but, if adopted will be  
21 considered original text for purposes of amendment,  
22 if requested by the chairman or ranking minority  
23 member of the reporting committee, and such rule  
24 or order shall waive all necessary points of order  
25 against that amendment only if it restores all or



1 part of the text of the bill or joint resolution as rec-  
2 ommended by such committee or strikes some or all  
3 of the original text inserted by the Committee on  
4 Rules that was not contained in the recommended  
5 version;

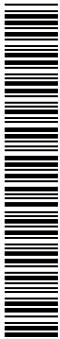
6 “(4) a rule or order that waives any points of  
7 order against consideration of a bill or joint resolu-  
8 tion, against provisions in the measure, or against  
9 consideration of amendments recommended by the  
10 reporting committee unless the rule or order makes  
11 in order and waives the same points of order against  
12 one germane amendment if requested by the minor-  
13 ity leader or a designee;

14 “(5) a rule or order that waives clause 10(d) of  
15 rule XVIII, unless the majority leader and minority  
16 leader each agree to the waiver and a question of  
17 consideration of the rule is adopted by a vote of two-  
18 thirds of the Members voting, a quorum being  
19 present; or

20 “(6) a rule or order that waives clause  
21 8(a)(1)(B) or clause 12(a) of rule XXII.”.

22 **SEC. 4. ENDING 2-DAY WORK WEEKS.**

23 Rule XV of the Rules of the House of Representatives  
24 is amended by adding at the end the following new clause:



1       “8. It shall not be in order to consider a resolution  
2 providing for adjournment sine die unless, during at least  
3 20 weeks of the session, a quorum call or recorded vote  
4 was taken on at least 4 of the weekdays (excluding legal  
5 public holidays).”.

6 **SEC. 5. KNOWING WHAT THE HOUSE IS VOTING ON.**

7       (a) **BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS.—**

8           (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Rule XIII of the Rules of  
9 the House of Representatives is amended by adding  
10 at the end the following new clause:

11       “8. Except for motions to suspend the rules and con-  
12 sider legislation, it shall not be in order to consider in the  
13 House a bill or joint resolution until 24 hours after copies  
14 of such bill or joint resolution (and, if the bill or joint  
15 resolution is reported, copies of the accompanying report)  
16 are available (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holi-  
17 days except when the House is in session on such a day).”.

18           (2) **PROHIBITING WAIVER.**—Clause 6(c) of rule  
19 XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives,  
20 as amended by section 3(a), is further amended—

21           (A) by striking “or” at the end of subpara-  
22 graph (5);

23           (B) by striking the period at the end of  
24 subparagraph (6) and inserting “; or”; and





1 (C) by adding at the end the following new  
2 subparagraph:

3 “(7) a rule or order that waives clause 8 of rule  
4 XIII.”.

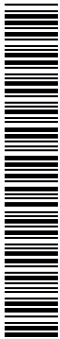
5 (b) CONFERENCE REPORTS.—Clause 8(a)(1)(B) of  
6 rule XXII of the Rules of the House of Representatives  
7 is amended by striking “2 hours“ and inserting “24  
8 hours”.

9 **SEC. 6. FULL AND OPEN DEBATE IN CONFERENCE.**

10 (a) NUMBERED AMENDMENTS.—Clause 1 of rule  
11 XXII of the Rules of the House of Representatives is  
12 amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:  
13 “A motion to request or agree to a conference on a general  
14 appropriation bill is in order only if the Senate expresses  
15 its disagreements with the House in the form of numbered  
16 amendments.”.

17 (b) PROMOTING OPENNESS IN DELIBERATIONS OF  
18 MANAGERS.—Clause 12(a) of rule XXII of the Rules of  
19 the House of Representatives is amended by adding at the  
20 end the following new subparagraph:

21 “(3) All provisions on which the two Houses disagree  
22 shall be open to discussion at any meeting of a conference  
23 committee. The text which reflects the conferees’ action  
24 on all of the differences between the two Houses, including  
25 all matter to be included in the conference report and any



1 amendments in disagreement, shall be available to any of  
2 the managers at at least one such meeting, and shall be  
3 approved by a recorded vote of a majority of the House  
4 managers. Such text and, with respect to such vote, the  
5 total number of votes cast for and against, and the names  
6 of members voting for and against, shall be included in  
7 the joint explanatory statement of managers accom-  
8 panying the conference report of such conference com-  
9 mittee.”.

10 (c) POINT OF ORDER AGAINST CONSIDERATION OF  
11 CONFERENCE REPORT NOT REFLECTING RESOLUTION  
12 OF DIFFERENCES AS APPROVED.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Rule XXII of the Rules of  
14 the House of Representatives is amended by adding  
15 at the end the following new clause:

16 “13. It shall not be in order to consider a conference  
17 report the text of which differs in any material way from  
18 the text which reflects the conferees’ action on all of the  
19 differences between the two Houses, as approved by a re-  
20 corded vote of a majority of the House managers as re-  
21 quired under clause 12(a).”.

22 (2) PROHIBITING WAIVER.—Clause 6(c)(b) of  
23 rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representa-  
24 tives, as added by section 3(a)(3), is further amend-  
25 ed by striking “clause 8(a)(1)(B) or clause 12(a)”



1       and inserting “clause 8(a)(1)(B), clause 12(a), or  
2       clause 13”.

